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In Re Application of :

Heather L. Stickler et al.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

To: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species mailed July 16, 2001, applicant elects the invention of Group I containing claims 1-12, without traverse.

The Examiner further requires an identification of species and an election of species with regard to the embodiments of the invention directed to Figures 1-10 and to Figure 11. Applicant elects the invention of Specie 1 shown in Figures 1-10. Claims reading on Figures 1-10 include claims 1-6, 8, 9 and 11-12 with regard to the claims of Group I.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statement that no claim is generic. Several of the elected claims of Specie 1 read on both Figures 1-10 and on Figure 11.

Date: Aug 9th, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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